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Farm Biotech Companies
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come out with rules for business investment in the country by farm biotech companies;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the new rules put a restriction on royalties that the multinational companies enjoyed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (d): No, Madam. The Government has not come out with any policy on business investment by farm biotech companies. However, the Department has formulated draft Licensing Guidelines for GM Technology in particular Bt. Cotton. These Licensing Guidelines for GM Technology Agreements have been uploaded on the website of the Department for inviting public opinion.

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